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University Affairs Committee

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Stephanie Henry, AVP University Affairs
SUBJECT: SRA 24K Report
DATE: November 12, 2024

Dearest SRA,

I hope everyone has been able to navigate this busy season at school! With never-ending midterms and exams right around the corner I hope everyone can take some time for themselves to relax amidst the chaos that is University.

Progress on Year plan

- **Inclusion and Accessibility in Campus Infrastructure – Accessible Education Journal Peer Review**

The UA committee will be peer reviewing existing accessibility work underway at McMaster and offer feedback to administration on their reflective accessible education case studies. This initiative will aid in regard to progress to the UA year plan by providing low barrier infrastructure and support strategic goals to improve accessibility in teaching and learning at McMaster.

Past Events, Projects, & Activities

- **SSCxSpark Collaboration**

Through existing collaborations within the Ed team and SSC, we wanted to create more expansive programming for first years (i.e. preparing them for exam season). We've reached out to Spark and have collaborated on sessions with the SSC Writing and Academic Skills Centre. We've held one session so far this term and with our next session coming at the end of the month we are looking to increase turnout by promoting more across our socials as there was difficulty in having students access event information through OSCAR plus.

- **MSU Policy Conference**

After a long hiatus, MSU Policy Conference was back this year (virtually) as we held the event a week ago today! We were able to receive lots of feedback on the International Students Policy Paper and the Transit and Transportation Policy Paper. I wanted to extend a thank you to everyone

here who was able to attend as we appreciate your perspectives and feedback as we create policy to guide our advocacy efforts. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the Winter Policy Con with four new papers!

Upcoming Events, Projects, & Activities

- **PACBIC Collaboration (EDIA Portfolio)**
- PACBIC will be having a meeting to review the strategic plan for 2025-2027. The UA committee will review the strategic pillars and determine whether progress has been made toward the pillars alongside top priorities and what conditions/enablers we need in place to make progress towards each pillar.

Successes

MSU Policy Conference comeback! Thank you to everyone in the Education Team who came together to make it happen! Our wonderful and hardworking Advocacy and Policy Research Assistants Ella, Aroni and Mohlil. Our Advocacy and Logistics Coordinator Sambiro for helping to Coordinate the event and Maya, our VP Education for support through the writing process and facilitation on the day of. A huge thank you to all SRA and MSU members who were in attendance and those who participated in the sessions.

Current Challenges

No present challenges.

Volunteers

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the UA committee for their continued advocacy efforts and participation!

Warm regards,

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